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CATAWBA COUNTY TAX OFFICE TO MAIL 2011 PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

The Catawba County Tax Office is scheduled to mail more than 98,000 property tax notices at the end of the week of July 11, 2011 or early in the week of July 18, 2011.

The notices will be mailed with a courtesy return envelope for taxpayers to use to return payments to the Catawba County Tax Collector. Taxes will be due on September 1, 2011, and delinquent after Thursday, January 5, 2012. Advance payments or payment arrangements may be made prior to September 1, 2011. Delinquent taxes will be subject to a 2% interest penalty for the month of January 2012, and a 3/4ths of 1% penalty for each following month.

Taxpayers with an internet connection will find the amount of tax due online at www.catawbacountync.gov/tax. A taxpayer should look for a link on the left side of the page labeled "Search Tax Bills", then click on that link and enter his or her full name. They will then see a separate entry for each type of tax bill due and should click on the words "Go To Abstract Summary" for more information.

Property owners may pay their taxes online, if they wish. They will need to use an abstract number, shown on the actual tax bill or the Tax Bill Search page online, to make payments through the Pay Taxes Online link also found on the left hand side of the page at www.catawbacountync.gov/tax. A non-refundable convenience fee will be charged on all electronic transactions.

The property tax notices contain information regarding tax procedures which apply to property taxes. The address of the County Tax Office appears at the top of the form, along with explanations regarding the due and past due dates for payment; the consequences for those who do not pay by January 5, 2012; how taxpayers may pay in installments; and special information for escrow and mortgage accounts. In the middle section of the notice, the account number, abstract number, due and delinquent dates are clearly printed, along with the Property Identification Number (PIN), the location of the property and acreage information. A brief description of listed personal property is also included in this section.

The value of the property is shown on the middle part of the notice. Just below the value of the property, the tax rate for Catawba County (53 cents per \$100 of property valuation for fiscal year 2011-2012) and for a municipality, if the property lies in a town or city, is shown. Fire district tax rates, if they apply, are also noted. The amount due to both the County and a municipality is broken down, and the total amount due is clearly indicated. Notices give taxpayers information about tax laws and sources for other information, and provide taxpayers with a complete record of payment.

For more information on the mailing of Catawba County property tax notices and payment options, you may contact the Catawba County Tax Office at 828-465-8414 or visit the County's web site at www.catawbacountync.gov/tax.

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